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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The Tunney Act mandates that after a settlement to an antitrust suit, in which the Department of Justice is involved, there must be a 60-day period of public comment and review before a decision is made final. I am submitting this letter to make you aware that I am in favor of the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice.

I am a believer of the free market system in which the government takes a hands-off approach. I did not see anything like this over the past three years. The government claimed to be helping people when they brought Microsoft to court, but were they really? During the time from the announcement of the antitrust suit till now, thousands have lost their jobs, companies have been closing at alarming rates, and our economy has sunk into a recession. This has to stop, and that is why I support the settlement. I agree with the part of the settlement that prevents Microsoft from retaliating against computer makers who ship software that competes with Microsoft's. This will open-up the industry and encourage competition.

I appreciate this outlet so my opinion can be heard. I fully support the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

Allan Nadler, Jr.